

Dartmouth 1955

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November 2009



Roxana Fenzl

George Fenzl, Decorated Flyer, Receives Class of 1955 Award

Story overleaf

Plan Ahead: '55's 55th, June 14-17, 2010!

Tantalizing details inside

33 Years a Navy Pilot

In 33 years of service, George Fenzl attacked many targets in North Vietnam, once was hit, ejected and rescued, led a fighter squadron, was the Air Boss on the first nuclear aircraft carrier, and even distinguished himself as a flight instructor for 1,500 hours of accident-free instruction. He was awarded a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, 30 Air Medals, seven Navy Commendation medals, two Unit Commendation Medals and several campaign ribbons. After retiring as a captain, George worked in an engineering firm on defense projects related to catapults and arresting gear.

Awards chairman Ken Lundstrom, presenting the Class of 1955 Award to George at our mini-reunion dinner at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, noted that in “February 1973--the start of the return of the POWs--George

made it his personal mission to be present at the air base to meet his men as Operation Homecoming brought them home from captivity.” Also, Ken said, “George and Roxana have supported and participated in Navy and Marine veteran organizations such as the Marines Memorial Association and the ABMA scholarships.”

Ken concluded: “George, we thank you for your dedicated service beyond self and the strengths and devotion of you and Roxana. And, we also say, ‘Well done, and welcome home, classmate!’”

George thanked the class but mostly his wife Roxana, who is also a Navy veteran and also a pilot, as well as a painter. After spending much of their lives on the West Coast, they now live in Springfield, Virginia, outside Washington.



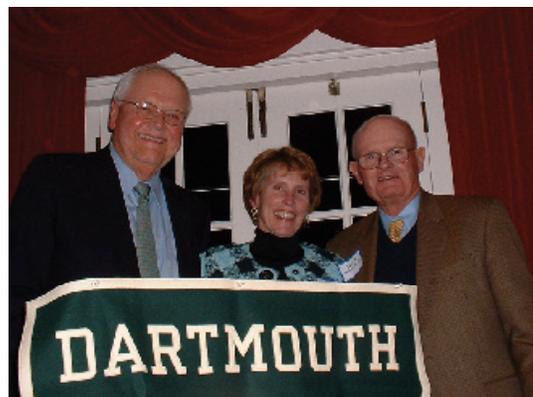
Class dinner credits: Larry Pilchman and Betty Brady

'55 Establishes James and Susan Wright Scholarship



Jessica Drazenovich '12 is the first recipient of the '55 Wright Scholarship.

The Wrights joined in recognizing John Ballard, who led the drive to create the \$155,000 scholarship fund. Thanks to all contributors!

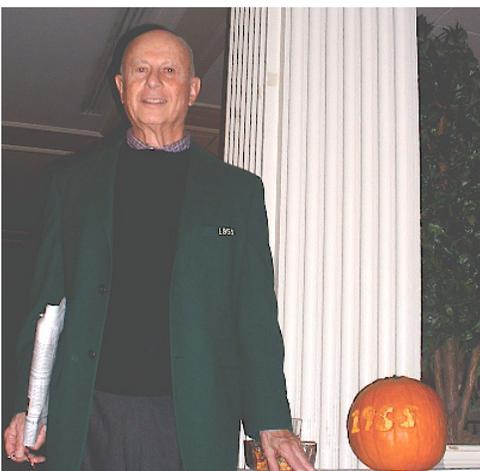


'55 on the Plain

*New Classmate:
Stuart C. Lord*



Jack Doyle presented to Stuart Lord, former dean of the Tucker Foundation, a certificate declaring him an Honorary '55. Stuart was inaugurated just days later as president of Naropa University, in Boulder, Colorado. It was founded by a Buddhist monk and is strong on meditation and service, both evident in Stuart's life and work; he's an ordained Baptist minister. The certificate recognized his "inestimable contributions to the life of Dartmouth College." Stuart thanked Jim Wright for being a mentor.

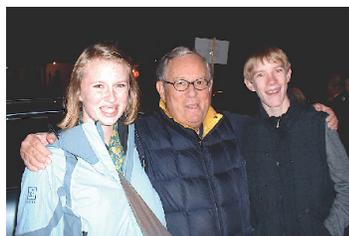


That's an *original* 1955 blazer that Bob Fanger was wearing as he checked out a more contemporary rendering of the class numerals.

Doug and Diana Melville led the Dartmouth Night alumni parade contingent.



Gus Aberle was joined by two grandchildren, Meredith and Drew Carey, of Dallas.



Thelma and Ward Rowley maintained their parade attendance record, accompanied by son Steve.



Factoid by Daniell: At our '55 seminar on Friday, Jere told us that soon after Daniel Webster argued the Dartmouth College case, deemed crucial by all private colleges, Harvard elected one Supreme Court justice a trustee and gave honorary degrees to two; Princeton awarded degrees to two others. We won! On the merits, of course.

Bob Perkins sensed the football team would end its losing streak on the morrow. It did.

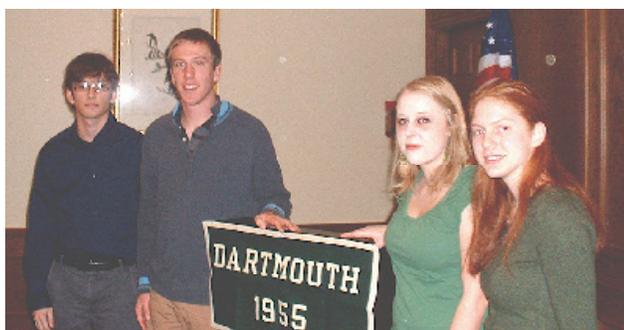


Good News and . . .

Treasurer-for-life Ralph Sautter, by virtue of the authority vested in him by Ben Bernanke, continues to print money and keep the class solvent. His report to the class meeting:

	June 30, 2009 (12 months)	October 23, 2009 (4 months)
Number of dues notices mailed	533	527
Number who paid dues	313	218
	59%	42%
Cash on Hand:		
Regular Account	\$16,338	\$22,343
Scholarship Fund	179	4,359
Gift Fund	62	3,865
Library Memorial Books Fund	16,325	18,455
Homecoming	0	3,480
Total Cash on Hand	\$32,904	\$52,502

Ralph reported that in the year ended June 30 the class added \$6200 to our Dickey Scholarship Fund, donated \$3000 each to the Hood Art Museum and the Athletic Sponsorship Program, and booked a surplus of \$2502 from the Washington mini-reunion. His motions to transfer \$5000 to the Memorial Books Fund and to keep class dues at \$55, plus a suggested \$25 voluntary contribution to each gift and scholarship fund, were approved.



Joining us at the class breakfast were '55 Dickey Scholars Peter Osorio '12, Las Vegas; Minal Caron '09, Fort Kent, Me. (working as a Geography Department assistant before law school); Kate Schnipper '10, Newsfields, N.H.; and Allison Parsley '11, Wellsville, Pa.

. . . Good Advice

At the invitation of Dick Hastings, geriatrician Dr. Julie Bynum of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice spoke to our seminar, saying "the changes in the last decade of life are a development stage for which we can prepare and anticipate." She advised, "find out your options," evaluate benefits and risks, involve other trusted people, and make a decision. For decision assistance she recommended www.informedmedicaldecisions.org, www.healthtalkonline.org, and www.decisionaid.ohri.ca. She also urged writing a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care, with copies to the appointed persons (first and second), your doctor and your hospital.



June Days in Hanover!

What could be nicer?

Consummate reunion planner John French promises, yes, promises:

- > Bathrooms in each room at the East Wheelock Cluster
- > Tasty dinners at the Boathouse and on the Kemeny Patio in the new McLaughlin Cluster of dormitories
- > Light and healthy lunches on the lawns of Baker Library and the new Davis Varsity House
- > Tennis with Dick Mount, golf with Doug Melville
- > A potpourri of engaging presentations by top professors
- > Was Richard III guilty? A joust between royal researcher John French and Professor Peter Saccio
- > A mobile tour of striking new facilities on the campus and in town led by Hanover impresario Tom Byrne
- > Most important: time to catch up with classmates from near and far: call the guys you'd like to see!



The McLaughlin Cluster, two trios of handsome dormitories with inviting outdoor and indoor spaces, by a new dining hall, located adjacent to the old Mary Hitchcock Hospital site. Photo by Joe Mehling '69.

*Mark your calendar:
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It won't get any better!